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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION OF UNGA

REF: A CARACAS 7648, B STATE 170481

1. SUMMARY. THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH
WITH DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, WHO WILL REPRESENT VENEZUELA
AT THE 7TH SS OF THE UNGA. PEREZ GUERRERO WAS RECEPTIVE
TO OUR CONCERN AND SAID THAT VENEZUELA STRONGLY SUPPORTS
MAINTAINING A REASONABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR DC-LDC DIALOGUE.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 6 THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT SPEECH
WITH MANUEL PERZ GUERRERO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. DR. PEREZ GUERRERO, WHO WAS ALREADY
FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SPEECH FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS,
SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH CAREFULLY.
PEREZ GUERRERO CONFIRMED, ONCE AGAIN,
THAT HE WOULD
REPRESENT VENEZUELA AT THE 7TH SS. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE,
ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, THAT HE WILL REMAIN
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IN NEW YORK FOR THE FIRST WEEK OR SO OF THE 30TH UNGA SESSION.

3. THE AMBASSADOR CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE THEMES CONTAINED IN PAR 3 OF REFTEL (B), GIVING PARTICULAR STRESS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO ENGAGE OTHER NATIONS IN A SERIOUS EFFORT TO PLACE OUR RELATIONSHIP AND THE DIALOGUE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN MULTINATIONAL FORUMS ON A NEW FOOTING.

4. PEREZ GUERRERO READILY AGREED THAT WE SHOULD ASSIDUOUSLY AVOID AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION AND RECRIMINATION AT THE COMING UN SESSIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF MAINTAINING A REASONABLE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CAN MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, IN OR OUTSIDE THE UN.

5. PEREZ GUERRERO SAID HE ASSUMED THAT THE POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL WAS A SERIOUS US CONCERN (WHICH THE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED). VENEZUELA SHARES THIS CONCERN, ACCORDING TO PEREZ GUERRERO, AND RECOGNIZES THE DANGER TO THE UN. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE US WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH ISRAEL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EGYPT'S PURPORTED CURRENT DISPOSITION TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

6. COMMENT. PEREZ GUERRERO, AS USUAL, WAS QUITE RECEPTIVE TO OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE INTEGRITY AND VIABILITY OF THE UN SYSTEM. HE APPEARED TO BE RELAXED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE 7TH SS AND THE RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS RELATIVELY ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE EVOLVING US ATTITUDE TOWARDS RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT IS WAITING TO SEE HOW THIS WILL AFFECT OUR POSITIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.
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